

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### City/School Auction

Vehicles, office equipment, and miscellaneous items such as bikes, stereos, and even Christmas decorations will be up for grabs at a City of Romulus/Romulus Community Schools auction, to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, at the City's DPW yard (34100 Goddard between Wayne and Middlebelt roads). Potential bidders can preview the sale's items beginning at 9 a.m.

### Drop Him a Line

Blake Shepard – the seven-year-old son of Allen Shepard and grandson of Aldred and Beatrice Shepard of Romulus – would like you to drop him a line.

Currently making a "last stand" against leukemia, the boy is in desperate need of a bone-marrow transplant, and is undergoing intensive chemotherapy while waiting for a donor match.

Blake loves to receive mail, and eagerly awaits the postman's arrival each day. His family would appreciate the kindness of anyone who would like to send Blake a card or a note (addressed to him at 411 North Court, Greenville, MI 48838), and asks everyone to remember Blake in their prayers.

### GED, Nurse-aide Classes To Start

Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education is now accepting registrations for GED preparation and nurse-aide classes which are set to begin next month. Classes are free to adults age 20 and over (as of September 1, 1998) who do not have a high-school diploma; tuition for all others is \$250 for the GED; \$375 for nurse-aide classes.

The 10-week GED program will start the week of November 16, and will be offered at locations in Romulus, Belleville, and Sumpter Township. The seven-week nurse-aide program will meet Monday through Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Romulus High School beginning November 9.

For more information, please call 734-941-0610. □

## Voters Face Full Ballot November 3

By Kristi Stephens

With voters facing a typically lengthy general-election ballot on Tuesday, November 3, Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate is urging everyone to resist the impulse to rush through the process, and take especial care when voting.

"Because the City of Romulus uses a computer to read and tally votes, voters must be extremely careful when filling out their ballots," Choate explained. "In past elections, there were several instances where a vote was not counted because a ballot had been improperly completed."

Choate says that voters should:

- use *only* the special pencil or pen provided,
- *completely* fill in the oval next to their candidates of choice,
- be careful not to vote for more candidates than the maximum number specified in each category, and
- request a new ballot if they make an error.

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To familiarize voters with the ballot's contents in preparation for next month's election, "the little paper" is publishing a list of the partisan and non-partisan candidates, as well as the proposals to be decided. We urge everyone to use resources such as newspapers and the internet to find more information about unfamiliar candidates. (If you do not subscribe to a local newspaper and/or have access to the internet, stop in at the Romulus Public Library, which carries several papers and offers the public internet access on Tuesdays and Thursdays.) Call the Wayne County Clerk's office (313-224-5525) for the addresses of candidates you would like to contact directly.

### PARTISAN PORTION

(Key: D=Democratic, L=Libertarian, NL=Natural Law, R=Republican, and Rf=Reform.)

#### Governor/Lieutenant Governor

(vote for not more than one)

- John Engler/Dick Posthumus (R)
- Geoffrey Fieger/James G. Agee (D)

#### Secretary of State

(vote for not more than one)

- Candice S. Miller (R)
- Mary Lou Parks (D)
- Perry K. Spencer (Rf)

#### Attorney General

(vote for not more than one)

- John A. Smietanka (R)
- Jennifer Granholm (D)

#### Representative in Congress, 13th District

(vote for not more than one)

- Tom Hickey (R)
- Lynn Nancy Rivers (D)
- Dean A. Hutyra (L)
- Samir Roger Makarem (NL)

#### State Senator, 8th District

(vote for not more than one)

- Loren N. Bennett (R)
- Kenneth A. Warfield (D)

#### Representative in State Legislature, 22nd District

(vote for not more than one)

- Susan Lee Chmielewski (R)
- Raymond E. Basham (D)
- James Victor Sager (L)

#### State Board of Education

(vote for not more than two)

- Eileen Weiser (R)
- Gary Wolfram (R)
- Sharon L. Gire (D)
- Barbara Roberts Mason (D)
- Eric Borregard (Rf)
- Artie Fields (Rf)
- Diane Barnes (L)
- Jon Coon (L)
- Gail Quarton (NL)
- Alixandra Pablita Summit (NL)

#### Regents, University of Michigan

(vote for not more than two)

- David Brandon (R)
- Jessie F. Dalman (R)
- Phil Power (D)
- Kathy White (D)
- Ray W. Vinton (Rf)
- William W. Hall (L)
- James F. Montgomery (L)
- William B. Quarton (NL)
- Ann H. Rappaport (NL)

#### Trustees, Michigan State University

(vote for not more than two)

- Dee Cook (R)
- Dave Porteous (R)
- John C. Schlinker (D)
- Doris M. Sims (D)
- Barbara B. Goushaw (L)
- Mark Heil (L)

#### Governors, Wayne State University

(vote for not more than two)

- Vernice Davis-Anthony (R)
- Elizabeth Hardy (R)
- Ronald J. Amen (D)
- John F. Kelly (D)
- Scotty Boman (L)
- Thomas W. Jones (L)

#### County Executive

(vote for not more than one)

- Edward A. Romanowski (R)
- Edward H. McNamara (D)
- Paul S. Woolum (L)



Linda Choate

#### County Commissioner, 11th District

(vote for not more than one)

- Melissa McLaughlin (R)
- John Sullivan (D)

#### NON-PARTISAN PORTION

#### Justices of the Supreme Court, Regular Terms, Terms Ending January 1, 2007

(vote for not more than two)

- Matthew R. Abel
- Susan D. Borman
- Michael F. Cavanagh (Justice of the Supreme Court)
- Jeffrey G. Collins
- Maura Denise Corrigan
- Jerry Jay Kaufman
- David H. Raablaub

#### Justice of the Supreme Court, Partial Term, Term Ending January 1, 2001

(vote for not more than one)

- Clifford W. Taylor (Justice of the Supreme Court)
- Carole F. Youngblood

#### Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st District, Regular Terms-Incumbent Positions, Terms Ending January 1, 2005

(vote for not more than two)

- Helen E. Brown
- Daniel P. Ryan
- Myron H. Wahls (Judge of Court of Appeals)
- Helene White (Judge of Court of Appeals)

#### Judge of the Court of Appeals, 1st District, Partial Term-Incumbent Position, Term Ending January 1, 2003

(vote for not more than one)

- J. Vincent Brennan
- Michael J. Talbot (Judge of Court of Appeals)

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## Guest Commentary

### School Violence Legislation: Passing the "Safe Streets" Test

By House Speaker Curtis Hertel and State Representative Sharon Gire

Every parent's top priority is the safety of his or her children. In many instances, parents can take precautions and reduce risks. When their children are in school, however, parents must rely on what they have taught them—and put faith in teachers, administrators, and school personnel to make sure that their children are safe.

Put simply, Michigan cannot maintain its commitment to world-class education if students and teachers fear for their safety. We must make sure that every school in Michigan has an effective safety plan that protects students, teachers, and school personnel from increasingly frequent violent behavior. Also, just as we have zero tolerance for violence in schools, we must make sure that violent behavior doesn't spill over into our neighborhoods.

As the election approaches, there has been much discussion of school violence, including charges that House Democrats derailed good legislation in order to coddle violent students. Those charges are false, and they smack of election-year grandstanding.

The truth is that, earlier this year, the House Education Committee successfully developed strong, bipartisan legislation that addresses the issue of school violence effectively—contrary to the simplistic proposals recently advocated by Governor Engler and some of his legislative allies who would merely shift school violence to the streets, leaving our communities no better off.

The House Education Committee based its recommendations on the Statewide testimony of literally hundreds of parents, students, law-enforcement officials, teachers, and school administrators—people whose views represent every point on the political spectrum. The most significant conclusion drawn from the testimony we heard was that violent students must not only be removed from the classroom, they must also be kept off the streets, or they will continue to wreak havoc in our neighborhoods. Accordingly, the House Education Committee's recommendations were designed to keep violent and disruptive students out of the classroom and off the streets. That is the sensible standard by which school-violence legislation should be judged.

Proposals that remove violent students from the classroom without keeping them off the street do not pass the "Safe Streets" Test. The House Educa-

tion Committee worked hard to develop a comprehensive school-safety package which not only includes expulsion, but also includes disciplinary education for violent and disruptive juveniles. It is only logical that students who already are causing trouble in school should not be free to roam our neighborhoods. Our legislation passes the "Safe Streets" Test by keeping violent students off the streets. That's why the House legislation is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Michigan Police Legislative Coalition, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Legislation proposed in the Senate and supported by the Governor does not pass the "Safe Streets" Test, and it is unconscionable that the Governor and the Senate have chosen to turn this issue into a partisan football. The House conducted Statewide hearings and, on a bipartisan basis, developed an approach to solving—not just shifting—the problem. Unfortunately, in the heat of the election season, the Governor has chosen a simplistic response that will not lead to a real solution. Short-sighted political posturing on this most important issue only means that children and families will remain at risk, and the elected leaders of this state will have failed the people once again.

*Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to use this column, free of charge, at any time.*

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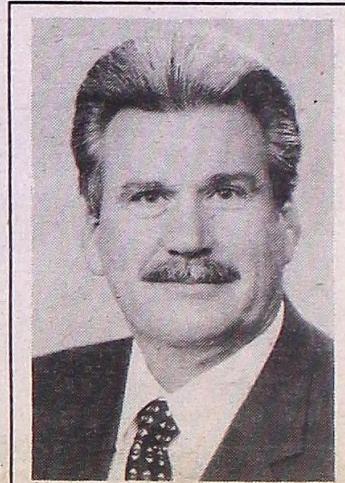
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## Guest Commentary

### State of Michigan Wants Your Business



Janet E. Phipps

By Janet E. Phipps, Director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget

The State of Michigan is like any large business. It is involved with everything from road maintenance to law enforcement. It has tens of thousands of employees working in offices throughout the State. Like any business, it needs numerous services and supplies to carry out its daily activities. The following is a small sampling of the services and materials needed every year: computer repair; contractors for construction projects; lumber and paint; locksmiths; roofing, gutters and downspouts; health-care services; office supplies; plexiglas; snow removal and landscaping; exterminators; employee training; surveillance systems; and even interpreters. Not all of these needs can be met by the State or by large corporations. There exist numerous areas where the best solution for carrying out the work of Michigan's government is a local business solution. In fact, if you provide a service or sell a product, the State may need your services. In order to help make it easier for small businesses to work with the State, we have taken several steps to provide the information businesses need to understand the mechanics of how to provide services or sell products to the State.

In order to conduct business with the State, a business must first register as a vendor with the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Financial Management. Once registered, a vendor may modify information on the master vendor file to add or delete goods or services, or selected counties (where services are provided), by submitting the information in writing on company

letterhead to the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Financial Management, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909. A vendor must also give written notice of any change in company name, address, or ownership. The Office of Financial Management, Vendor File section, may be reached at 517-373-4111.

Additional information regarding the State's purchasing process is available on the Department of Management and Budget's (DMB) Office of Purchasing (OOP) website (<http://www.state.mi.us/dmb/oop/>). This site provides basic information about the office and detailed instruction on how to become a vendor for the State. It's possible to check the status of competitively bid contracts 24 hours a day from the comfort of your home or office.

Another avenue for businesses to obtain up-to-date information regarding contracting procedures and other relevant information is through the 12 Technical Assistance Centers (TACs) established by the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Federal Government. These centers focus on delivering guidance and advice to small businesses seeking to do business with the State and Federal governments (as well as those who wish to export their products or services). They provide the following services: identifying government agencies that buy products made by Michigan companies; matching companies and products to the proper government agencies soliciting bids; assisting in preparing bids; and providing information on general requirements, including bonding information. The centers are located at various locations throughout the State, including Muskegon, Traverse City, and Kalamazoo. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Michigan Jobs Commission customer-service line at 517-373-9808.

In addition, the OOP offers "How to do Business with the State of Michigan" seminars throughout the State. These seminars are conducted in partnership with the Office of Urban Programs, the Michigan Jobs Commission, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The seminars assist companies in developing business relationships with the State. The seminars are targeted toward small businesses and businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons. Information about a seminar in your area can be obtained by contacting the Office of Purchasing at 517-373-8139 (FAX: 517-335-0046), or by visiting the Office of Purchasing

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## 52 Local Educators Receive Apple Achievement Award



Romulus Board of Education member Eva Webb congratulates High School Band Director Henry James, who was one of 52 recipients of the District's distinguished Apple Achievement Award.

More than 200 people attended a recent reception/awards program which recognized 52 Romulus Community Schools employees who received the District's Apple Achievement Award for excellence in education.

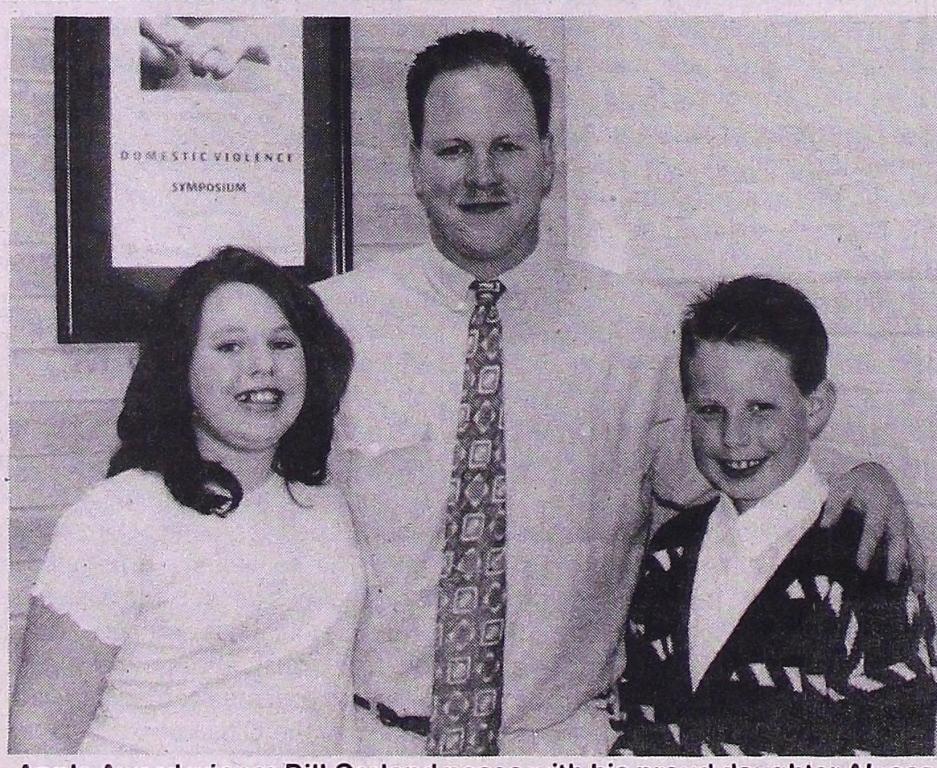
During the ceremony in the recipients' honor, Romulus Board of Education President Howard Kesner read a brief summary of the award-winners' accomplishments, as written by the administrators who recommended them. Dr. Sam La Monica, Director of Human Resources, and Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director, extended their congratulations to the honorees, who were

then presented with either a crystal apple (for first-year winners) or a crystal clock (for second-year recipients) by their building's principal.

"These outstanding employees were honored tonight for their exceptional work ethics and innovative contributions to the quality of education in our school district," said La Monica. "We are justifiably proud of each of them."

Board member Eva Webb, who also expressed pride in the District's employees, took time to congratulate Henry James, Romulus High School's Band Director.

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Apple Award winner Bill Garland poses with his proud daughter Alyssa, who is in the sixth grade, and his son Jordon, a fourth-grader



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# Apple Awards Acknowledge Educational Excellence

Recent retiree Wilma Murphy and several Barth and Cory Elementary School staff members were among 52 Romulus Community Schools employees who received the District's distinguished Apple Achievement Award for dedication and outstanding achievement in education. Other recipients will be acknowledged in future issues.



Debbie Street, Barth.



Dorene Swindle, Barth.



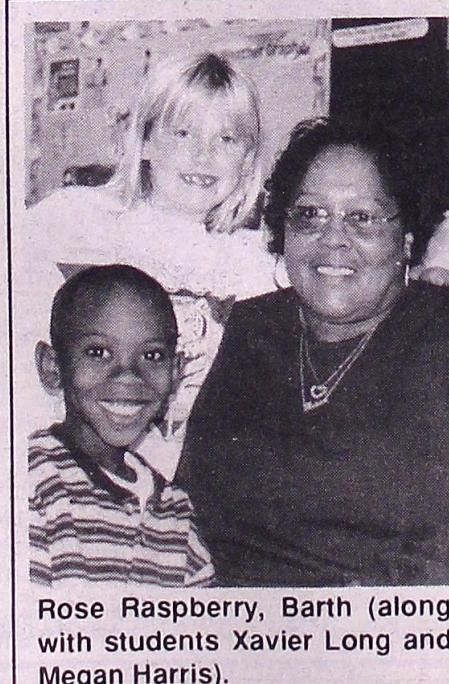
Theresa Blizman, Barth.



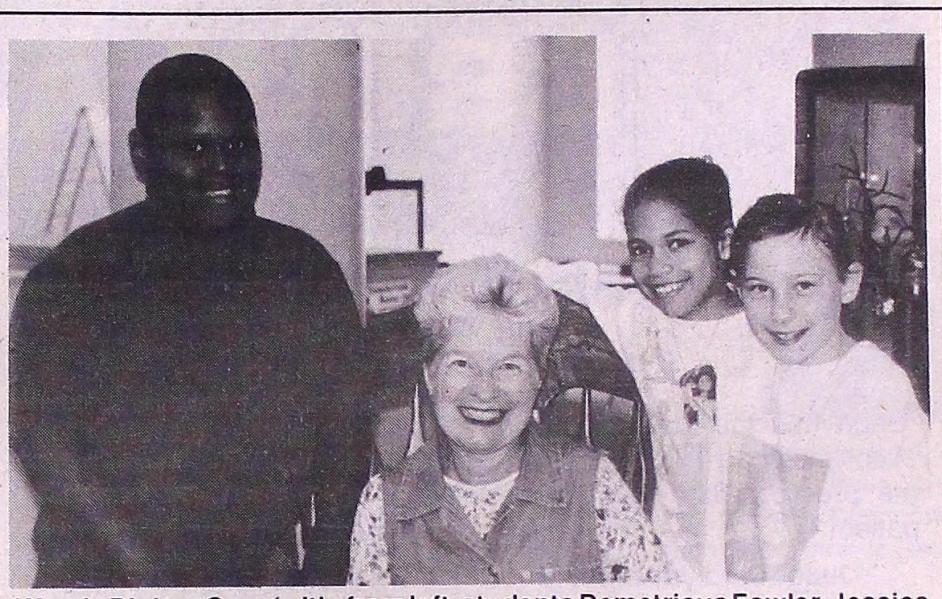
Elaine Baluk, Cory (with student Melissa Groce).



Retiree Wilma Murphy, Cory (with her husband, William).



Rose Raspberry, Barth (along with students Xavier Long and Megan Harris).



Wendy Blohm, Cory (with, from left, students Demetrious Fowler, Jessica Paré, and Angelica Cummings).



Phyllis Kreft, Cory.



Lori Fritz, Barth.



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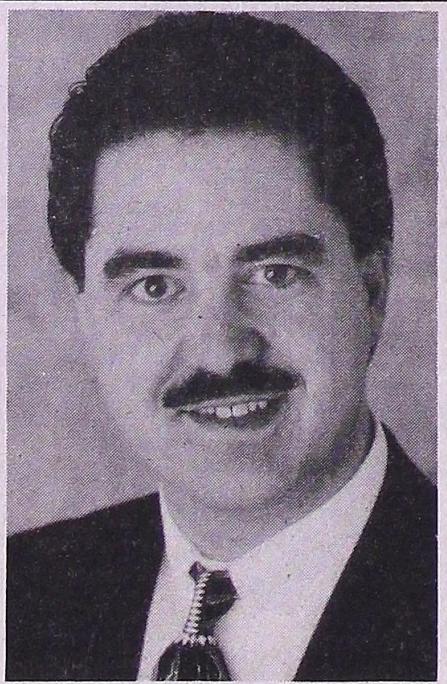
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- Prevention and Rehabilitation of Youthful Offenders

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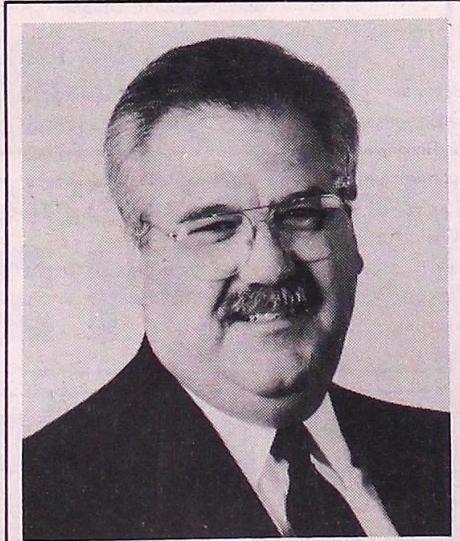
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## Students Raise \$650 in Crop Walk



When 18 students and leaders from Romulus Middle School walked 10 kilometers (six miles) in the annual Belleville-Romulus Crop Walk, they raised over \$650 to feed the hungry. Top fund-raiser was Ashley Stockdale, who garnered \$110 in pledges, according to Leadership Director Betty Santo (fourth from left).

## Board Matches Funds for Wick Playground Equipment

On Monday, October 19, the Romulus Board of Education continued a fine tradition by approving a resolution to match funds that were raised by the Wick Parent Support group for the purchase of new playground equipment.

Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, spoke proudly of the parents' efforts.

"Parents like Kris Moffat and Valerie Flournoy have worked hard at a number of school activities to raise this money," said Bedell. "We have matched funds before, and I encourage the Board to continue this practice."

Board Trustee Eva Webb also had words of praise.

"I know how hard it can be for schools to find dedicated parent volunteers," she said. "My hat goes off to Kris Moffat, Valerie Flournoy, and all the other parents and Wick staff members who helped raise so much money."

The Board unanimously approved the request to match the \$7,500.

Wick Principal Debbie Juriga, who attended the Board meeting with Moffat and Flournoy, was elated with the Board's action.

"It is nice to see our board support the efforts of the Wick Parent Support group," Juriga stated after the meeting. "The group has worked really hard for more than a year to raise money to buy new playground equipment. Now, that dream will come true."

"Our thanks and appreciation go out to the Board and our community," she added.

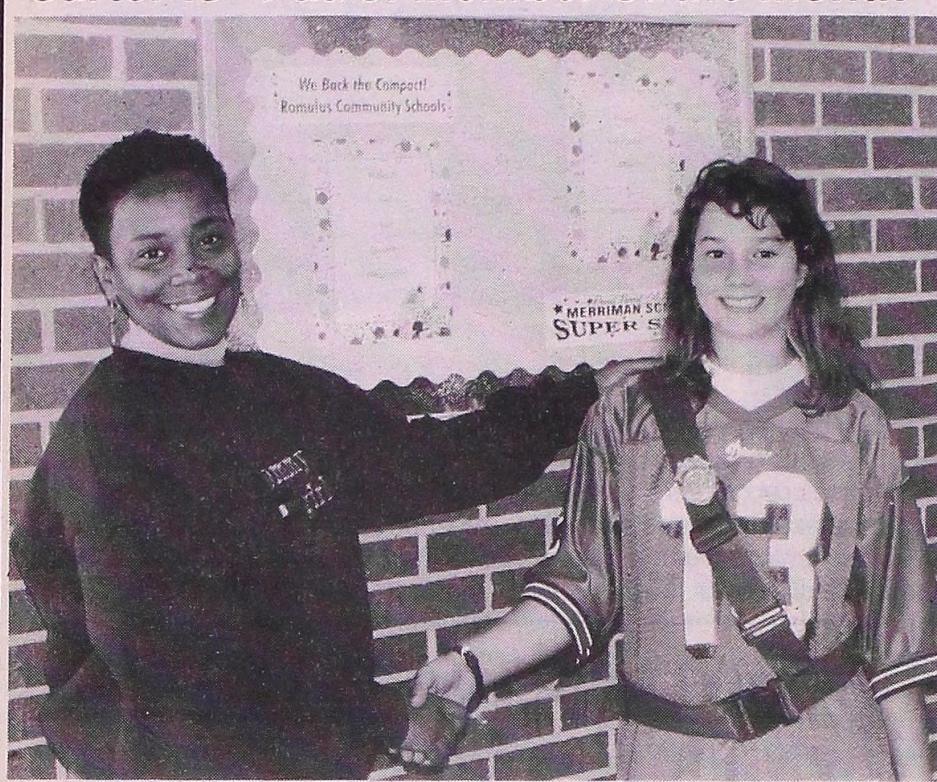
Kris Moffat also was thankful for the Board's action.

"I know that Valerie, our committee, and the children all appreciate the matching funds," said Moffat. "By hosting events such as a spaghetti dinner and an ice-cream social, as well as holding a number of 'coin-jar races,' we tried to have fun while we raised the money. I believe that we accomplished both." □



Wick Elementary School Principal Debbie Juriga (right) congratulated (from left) Kris Moffat and Valerie Flournoy, two of the many parents who worked hard to raise more than \$7,500 for new playground at Wick.

## Carter Is "Patrol Member of the Month"



Gina Carter, Safety Patrol supervisor at Merriman Elementary School, congratulated Danielle Boner after her fellow Patrol members voted her "Patrol Member of the Month" for October. Carter was pleased with Boner's selection for the honor, stating, "She is a deserving winner and a wonderful representative of our dedicated Safety Patrol." Boner's daily assignment is at the school's gym doors, where she helps the younger children and supervises all students who enter and exit the school at that location.

## 52 Receive Apple Achievement Awards

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"Mr. James is the consummate example of why the Board presents this award," said Webb. "He has consistently striven to help each student become the best that he or she can be, and I am especially proud of him tonight."

Congratulations to all 52 Apple Achievement Award recipients listed below.

### Barth Elementary School

Theresa Blizman (first), Janet Green (first), Lori Fritz (first), Rose Raspberry (first), Debbie Street (first), and Dorene Swindle (first).

### Cory Elementary School

Elaine Baluk (first), Wendy Blohm (second), Phyllis Kreft (first), Wilma Murphy (first), and Irene Sandusky (second).

### Guest Commentary

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### Merriman Elementary School

Gina Carter (second), Ginger Ignasiak (first), and Ron Mayfield (first).

### Wick Elementary School

Pat Adams (first), Diane Bishop (second), Tommy Butler (first), Chris Consales (first), Diane Golka (first), Marge Olson (second), Becky Weimer (first), and Marilyn Wood (first).

### Romulus Middle School

Richard Kruse (first), Betty Santo (second), and Thomas Williams (first).

### Romulus High School

Rosalie Berlinn (first), Bonnie Bosisidis (first), William Bradford (first), Serena Fraser (first), Bill Garland (first), Evelyn Hopewell (first), Kathy Hurst (second), Mae Jackson (first), Henry James (second), Linda Poirier (first), Rosa Russenberger (first), Florence Satterlee (first), and Judith Thompson-Barthwell (second).

### Special Services

Ruth Fairchild (first).

### Adult Education

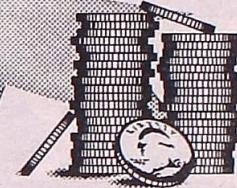
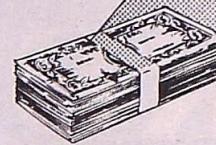
Kathy Van Valkenburg (first).

### District-wide

Marge Bergman (first) and John Juriga (second). □

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**"SOMEONE"** is telling lies about Brian A. Oakley

**"SOMEONE"** says Oakley cannot be a full-time Judge at the 34th District Court

**"SOMEONE"** says Oakley has a conflict of interest that will prevent him from hearing cases

## "SOMEONE" is **WRONG!**

- **Judge Tina Brooks-Green said "No Conflict"**  
Chief Judge of the 34th District Court
- **Judge Henry Zaborowski said "No Conflict"**  
Judge of the 34th District Court
- **Thomas K. Byerley said "No Conflict"**  
State Bar of Michigan Judicial Ethics Committee
- **Oakley's opponent admitted "No Conflict"**  
in a televised interview on 10/03/98

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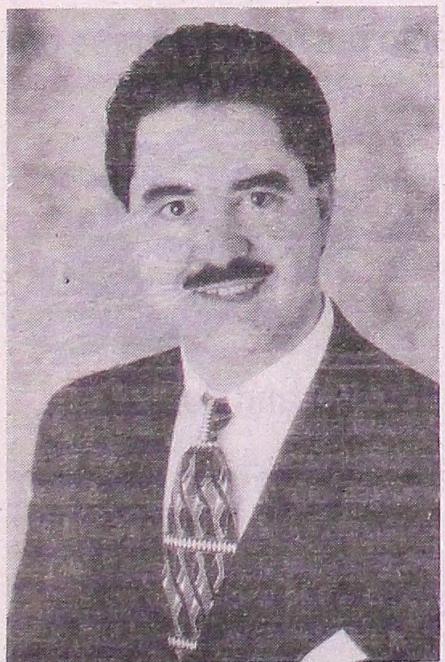
... **those who want to mislead the voters!**

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## Party Treats for Halloween

Although many adults celebrate Halloween by attending or throwing parties, October 31 is truly appreciated – and much anticipated – by children. It is the kids who spend weeks preparing costumes and decorations, as well as conjuring up scare tactics for their friends and family.

Halloween parties for kids are an excellent alternative to the traditional "trick-or-treating" (a custom which has caused concern for parents in recent years). You can make your child's party special by conjuring up some goodies that are as decorative as they are delicious. Here are a couple to start you off.

### Frozen Jack-O'-Lanterns

(preparation time: 30 minutes)

12 navel oranges  
1/2 gallon dark chocolate or fudge ice cream

12 whole cinnamon sticks

Cut off tops of oranges. Gently hollow out pulp (reserve for another use), leaving a thick shell; hollow pulp out of cut-off tops, too. Cut jack-o'-lantern faces into each orange. Pack scoops of ice cream into shells (avoid letting ice cream ooze out through eyes or mouth). Cut a

hole in top of each orange. Set tops back on, over ice cream, and insert a cinnamon-stick stem through the hole. Place in freezer for at least 3 hours or until serving time.

### Broomsticks

(preparation time: 40 minutes)

1/2 cup warm water

1/2 cup warm milk

2 tablespoons butter, softened

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon sugar

1 active dry yeast (rapid-rise)

2 1/2 to 3 cups flour

1 egg white, beaten with 1 tablespoon water

2 tablespoons poppy seeds (optional)

Stir water, milk, and butter together in a large mixing bowl. Add sugar and salt, then sprinkle on the yeast. Let stand for about a minute, then stir to dissolve. Add 1 cup of flour and beat until smooth. Add 1 1/2 cups more flour, or enough to make a soft, manageable dough. Turn out on a lightly floured surface and knead for 1 minute; let rest for 10 minutes.

Resume kneading until dough is smooth and elastic, adding remaining flour as necessary. Place in oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 2 baking sheets.

Punch dough down. Knead briefly, then divide into 24 pieces. Roll each piece between your hands or back and forth on a board until you have a 9-inch pencil shape. Slash one end with 4 gashes about 2 inches deep. Give the end a "twist" and spread gashes slightly to resemble broomstick straws. Place broomsticks on prepared baking sheets. Brush with egg white and sprinkle "handles" with poppy seeds, if desired. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Let cool. □

## Candy Check

The Romulus Police Department will hold its annual Halloween Candy Check on Saturday, October 31, at these locations:

- McDonald's/Wayne Road (5 to 7 p.m.)
- Tim Horton's/Middlebelt Road (6 to 9 p.m.)
- Fire Station #4/Eureka Road (6 to 9 p.m.)

Be sure to take advantage of this free service to make your child's holiday a safer one. □

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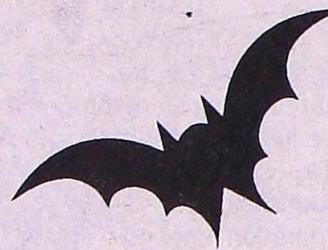
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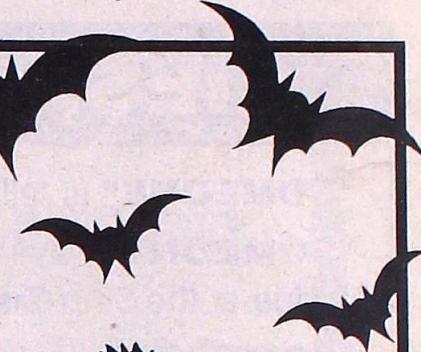
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For more information, contact Captain Jim Poet (942-7195), Firefighter Jim Shotwell (941-0242), or Firefighter Rhonda Kiesznowski (941-6337), or leave a message at Station #4 (941-8693).



# HALLOWEEN

## Safety Tips



### FOR KIDS

- Trick-or-Treat before dark.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Visit homes that you know and that have the porch light on.
- A face mask may obstruct your vision; use makeup instead.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older brother, sister, or friends. Never travel alone.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already open.
- Look LEFT, RIGHT, then LEFT AGAIN before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms. Cross *only* at corners.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)



### FOR PARENTS

- Your child should know his/her phone number and address.
- Dress children in shoes that fit. Large-size shoes make it easier to trip and fall.
- Limit the use of "weapons" as part of the costume. If you allow a weapon, be sure it is soft and flexible.
- When you inspect the treats, be sure they have not been tampered with and are safely sealed. Be careful with fruit, as punctures or holes are easily missed.



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# Flyers Football

## Game #4: Lincoln Park Junior Rails

The Romulus Flyers took on the Lincoln Park Junior Rails on Saturday, October 3, in the fourth game of their 1998 season. All in all, it was a good day for Romulus, which came away with victories in two of the three games.

In the Freshman match-up, the Flyers put up a valiant fight in their attempt to win their first game of the season, but came up just short, 19-12, in a real heartbreaker. Early in the game, it looked as though Romulus was in for another long day, as Lincoln Park scored easily, then added to their lead (13-0) in the middle of the second quarter. But the Flyer defense began to hold its own, and things started to seem a little different when the offense got itself together, as well. With less than four minutes left in the first half, Cameron Demps scored for Romulus, bringing the total to 13-6. More good play followed in the second half, with each team able to score only six additional points. Despite the eventual loss, the Flyers continued to show big improvement, and ended the day with high hopes for the following week's Homecoming match.

In the Junior Varsity game, it was another good showing for the Flyers, as they dominated the Junior Rails on the road to a 26-6 victory. The first quarter was all Flyers, who took a 14-0 lead on two short touchdown runs by James Kendrick. In the second quarter, the Rails' defense appeared to regroup, holding Romulus scoreless until Kendrick intercepted a fluttering Lincoln Park pass and scored on a 70-yard return. The Rails were unable to mount much of an attack due to the swarming Flyer defense, led by the play of Georjon Garland, and their only score came when they recovered a Flyer fumble at Romulus' two-yard line. Midway through the final quarter, with the score 20-6, Romulus drove to the Rails' one-yard line before fumbling the ball, which Lincoln Park recovered in the end zone for a touchback. On the next Flyer possession, the team once again drove deep into the Rails' territory, but this time Kendrick took the ball into the end zone for the Flyers' final touchdown. The win brought the team's record to 3-1.

The Varsity game was a thriller, as Romulus came from behind for their second straight victory. After Lincoln Park took an early lead, 7-0, the Flyers' Perry Gray took the kickoff and weaved his way through the Rails' defense for a 75-yard touchdown. Romulus continued to play tough, but the team was trailing 21-6 at the end of the first half. Both teams put more points on the board in the third quarter, with Chris Dew and Ron Ford both scoring touchdowns for

the Flyers, and Lincoln Park responding with a touchdown of their own. Finally, with only six minutes left in the game and Romulus trailing 28-18, the Flyers came to life. After Dew ripped off a long touchdown run, the Flyer defense shut down the Rails' offense, making them feel the heat despite the cold, rainy day. Then, with less than two minutes remaining, and the Flyers on their own 40-yard line, Ford came through with a 60-yard TD, giving Romulus a 30-28 victory. The win brought the team's record to 2-2.

Generating a little heat of their own were the Flyer cheerleaders, who did a great job of showing their support for the team and keeping the fans in a spirited mood, despite the inclement weather. Way to go!

## Game #5: Melvindale Cardinals

On Saturday, October 11, Romulus completed their 1998 Homecoming celebration with three commanding victories over the Melvindale Cardinals. The day's festivities began with the crowning of the Varsity, JV, Freshman, and Mascot King and Queen. (Mascots are boys and girls who are not old enough to play or cheer for the Flyers, but still want to be a part of the program.) This year's winners were Thomas Drayton and Sara Cholette (Varsity), Ryan Foster and Nicole Armstrong (Junior Varsity), Thomas Kuderick and Melissa Brewington (Freshman), and Joseph Herbert and Hailie Laginess (Mascot). Kings and Queens were selected at random to give every child a chance to win.

Other highlights of the pregame festivities included the awarding of several prizes. JV cheerleader Ebony Coleman won a bicycle for selling the most candy during the Flyers' fundraiser. For having the biggest sales-per-person average, the Freshman football team and Varsity cheerleading squad each won a pizza party.

Also coming out to show their support and entertain the fans with a demonstration of their dance routines were the Romulus Middle School cheerleaders, many of whom got their start with the Flyers.

"It was a good opportunity to come back and show the new Flyer cheerleaders what they can look forward to when they move on to the next level," said RMS Head Coach Angela Wester, a former Flyers head coach.

In the first game of the day, the Flyers' Freshman team fought to its first victory of the season, dominating the Cardinals on both sides of the ball. It was the first time all year that Romulus was able to get both offense and defense working in the same game. The

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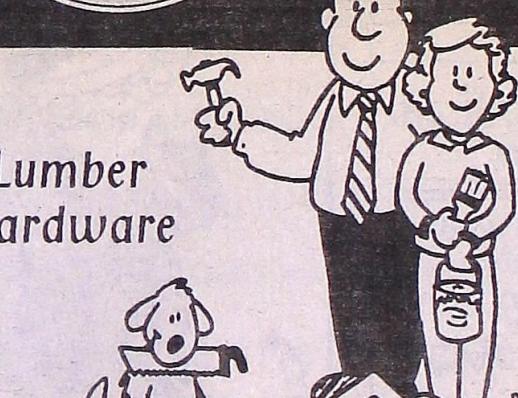
Romulus Flyers Homecoming Kings and Queens, 1998: (back, from left) Thomas Drayton (Varsity), Ryan Foster (JV), and Thomas Kuderick (Freshman); (front, from left) Sara Cholette (Varsity), Nicole Armstrong (JV), Melissa Brewington (Freshman), and Hailie Laginess (Mascot). Not pictured: Joseph Herbert (Mascot).



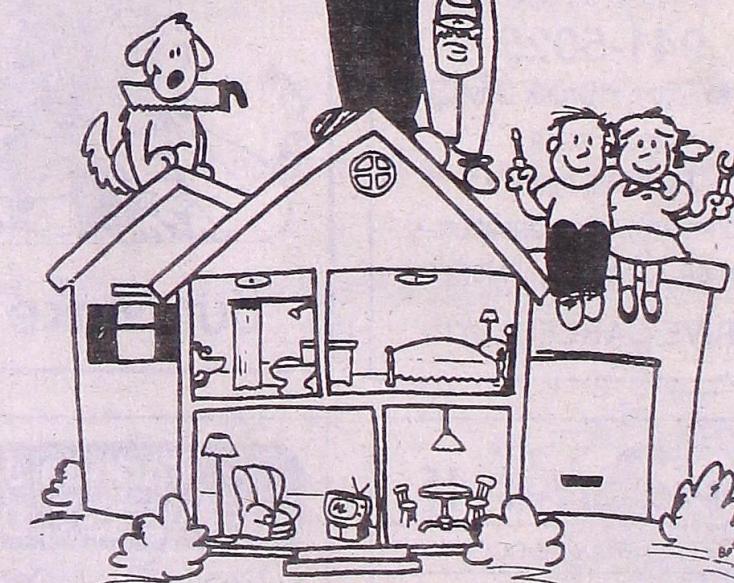
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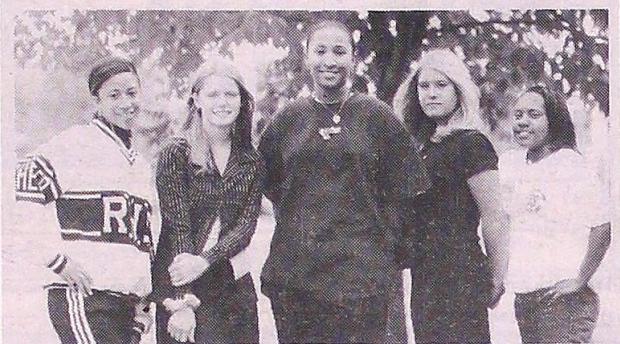
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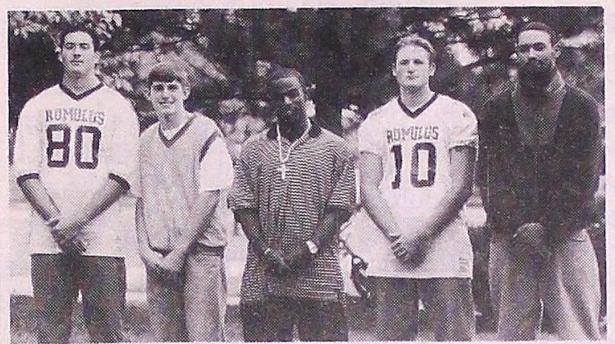
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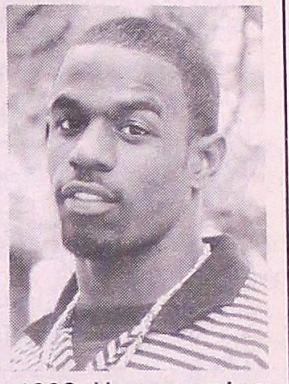
1998 Homecoming Queen: Ann Carter.



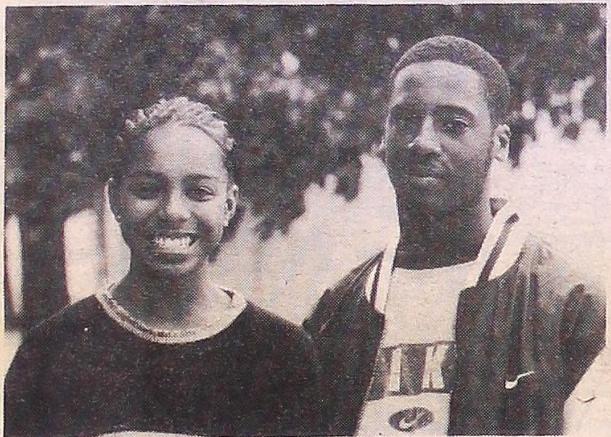
1998 Court: (from left) Thais Carter, Ann Carter, LaNeda Davis, Rachel Laskaska, and Tracy Lovelady. (Not pictured: Tomeka Boles.)



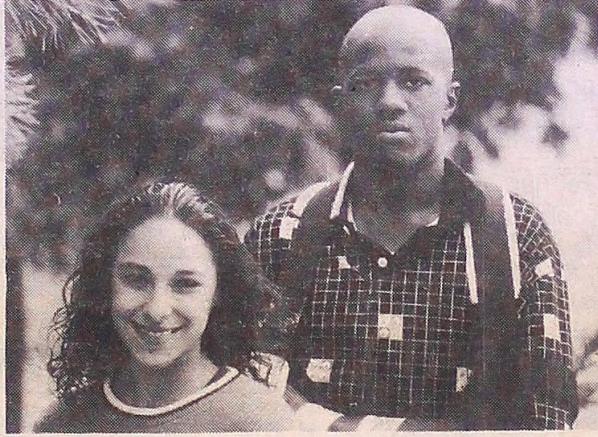
1998 Court: (from left) Damien Crawford, Steve Hatfield, Fred Russell, Derek Plave, and Matt Gibbons. (Not pictured: Teanntray Howard.)



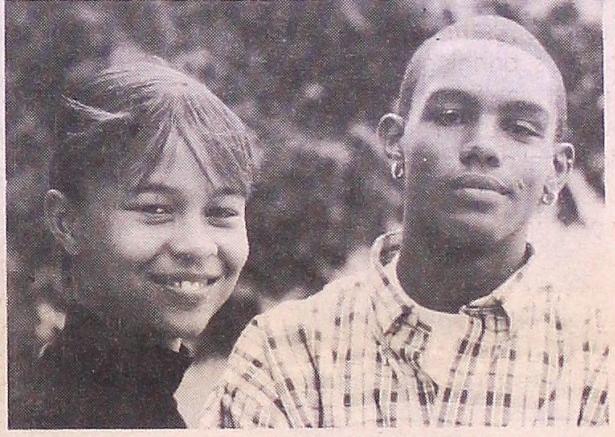
1998 Homecoming King: Fred Russell.



Freshman Queen and King: Dana Noble and Paul Brown.



Sophomore Queen and King: Sarah Robinson and Jeremiah Jones.



Junior Queen and King: Laketia Shelton and Raymond Moss.



Float entry from the Class of 2002 . . .



. . . Class of 2001 . . .



. . . and the Class of 1999 (Spirit Jug winners).



The Homecoming Parade's winning float entry came from the Class of 2000.



Dean Burcroff, Grand Marshal of the parade, also coordinated work on the Alumni float.



In keeping with the cooperative spirit which both sides have worked to foster, City and School officials rode together in the Parade.

## VOTERS FACE FULL BALLOT

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Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Regular Terms—Incumbent Positions, Terms

Ending January 1, 2005

(vote for not more than twenty)

- Kathleen MacDonald (Judge of Circuit Court)
- Sheila Gibson Manning
- Claudia House Morcom (Judge of Circuit Court)
- Bruce U. Morrow (Judge of Circuit Court)
- John A. Murphy (Judge of Circuit Court)
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- Timothy M. Kenny (Judge of Circuit Court)
- Stephen P. Korn

Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Regular Terms—Non-incumbent Positions, Terms

Ending January 1, 2005

(vote for not more than two)

Patricia Susan Fresard

- Gary Edward Gardner
- Jane E. Gillis
- Brian R. Sullivan

Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Partial Terms—Incumbent Positions, Terms

Ending January 1, 2001

(vote for not more than two)

- Richard Halloran (Judge of Circuit Court)
- Mary Waterstone (Judge of Circuit Court)

Judges of the Probate Court, Regular Terms—Incumbent Positions, Terms Ending January 1, 2005

(vote for not more than three)

- Patricia B. Campbell (Judge of Probate Court)
- Milton L. Mack, Jr. (Judge of Probate Court)
- Cathie B. Maher (Judge of Probate Court)

Judge of the District Court, 34th District, Regular Term—Incumbent Position, Term Ending January 1, 2005

(vote for not more than one)

- Norman C. Kohlstrand
- Brian A. Oakley

### STATE PROPOSALS

#### Proposal A

*A Proposal To Change The Word "Handicapped" To "Disabled" In The State Constitution*

The proposed constitutional amendment would change the word "handicapped" to "disabled" in Article VIII, Section 8, of the State Constitution. Article VIII, Section 8, of the State Constitution currently reads: "Institutions, programs and services for the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically, mentally or otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be fostered and supported."

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

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## VOTERS FACE FULL BALLOT

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### Proposal B

**Initiated Legislation To Legalize  
The Prescription Of A Lethal Dose  
Of Medication To Terminally Ill,  
Competent, Informed Adults In  
Order To Commit Suicide**

The proposal would:

1) Allow a Michigan resident or certain out-of-state relatives of Michigan residents confirmed by 1 psychiatrist to be mentally competent and 2 physicians to be terminally ill with six months or less to live to obtain a lethal dose of medication to end his/her life.

2) Allow physicians, after following required procedures, to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to enable a terminally ill adult to end his/her life.

3) Establish a gubernatorially appointed, publicly-funded oversight committee, exempt from Open Meetings Act and whose records, including confidential medical records, and minutes are exempt from Freedom of Information Act.

4) Create penalties for violating law.  
Should this proposal be approved?

- Yes
- No

*(Editor's note: If Proposal B does not pass, any person who assists another individual with a suicide attempt would be in violation of a new State law that went into effect on September 1, 1998.)*

### Proposal C

**A Proposal To Authorize Bonds  
For Environmental And Natural  
Resources Protection Programs**

The proposal would:

1) Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$675 million dollars to finance environmental and natural resources protection programs that would clean up and redevelop contaminated sites, protect and improve water quality, prevent pollution, abate lead contamination, reclaim and revitalize community waterfronts, enhance recreational opportunities, and clean up contaminated sediments in lakes, rivers, and streams.



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2) Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.

3) Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund of the state.

Should this proposal be approved?

- Yes
- No

### COUNTY PROPOSAL

**Eliminate The Tax Allocation Board  
By Establishing Separate Tax  
Limitations**

Shall separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the non charter townships, intermediate school district, and Detroit Public Library within Wayne County, the highest aggregate of which shall not exceed 1.4576 mills, (as reduced by the Headlee Rollback Adjustments and as certified in the 1997 Wayne County Commission Apportionment Report), as follows:

Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency:

.0984 mill

Detroit Library Commission:

.6400 mill

Township of Grosse Pointe:

6486 mill [sic]

Township of Grosse Ile:

1.3592 mills

Township of Sumpter:

.8870 mill

Highest Total: 1.4576 mills

- Yes
- No

### EDUCATION FIRST!

**Wayne County Community College  
Millage Continuation Proposal**

This proposal will permit Wayne County Community College to continue to levy 1 mill for College purposes, previously approved by the electors, which will otherwise expire following the 2004 tax levy.

Shall the previously voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for Wayne County Community College expiring with the 2004 levy be continued so that the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the College district be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) for the year 2005 and thereafter, to be used for all purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1 mill would raise approximately \$23,218,600 when first levied in 2005.

- Yes
- No

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## RMS Students Honored

Romulus Middle School teachers have selected a total of 33 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of September.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" ink pen.

Parents in attendance were given an RMS Student of the Month "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Middle School Principal Ed Clark would like to congratulate the following

Romulus Middle School Students of the Month (September): Sheila Adams, Christopher Anderson, Jason Andrews, Joshua Barnes, Kimberly Buckley, Tari- tonye Burutolu, Christopher Carlson, Brittney Clark, Janeise Daniels, Anthony Debus, Tanya Formosa, Kiana Gordon, Sarah Gray, Austin Gresham, Danielle Hendricks, Tiffany McFarland, Ashley Melchor, Kelly Minner, Joshua Newman, LaJoye Orr, Karvens Paille, Denisa Rakic, Robert Robbins, Alicia Sims, Charles Smith, Christopher Swantek, Ryan Tackett, Jon Taylor, Cassie Tolstyka, Joshua Trevarrow, Kelli Weimer, James Wright, and Jeremiah Yeager. □



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## RHS Students Honored

Romulus High School teachers have selected a total of 27 students to receive September's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School Students of the Month (September): Jennifer Adams, Christa Anderson, Benita Bell, LaToya Bell, Amanda Bilbrey, Carrie Brown, Nicole Burgess, Richard Campbell, Dominique Daniels, Jennifer Dewitt, Perry Gray, Shannon Guarino, Jezail June, Paul Krause, Consuelo Lovelady, Danielle McClue, Joana Moton, Margaret Nehila, Dana Noble, Rachael Parker,

Anton Poole, Stephen Potoczek, Geoffrey Sparr, Carrie Speilman, Eric Staten, Jennifer Vit, and Ray Woodrow.

Romulus High School Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough also would like to thank the following sponsors for being Romulus High School's partners in education in September: Airline Parking; C & C Trailer Service; Dale Kennedy & Sons; Downriver Pest Control; Elkins Machine & Tool; Environ; Form Flow, Inc.; Gandol; G.M. Powertrain; Graduate Services; Header Products; Rhonda Hennessy, D.D.S.; Highway Maintenance; Kiwanis Club of Michigan; Eva and Art McDonald; Romulus Flowers; K. Sata, D.D.S.; Stears True Value Hardware; Mrs. Maryann Tyrchniewicz, Romulus High School employee; and United Brass Manufacturers. □

## Community Calendar

- **Youtheatre Seeks Volunteers** – Youtheatre is currently seeking qualified individuals to fill volunteer positions at Music Hall. Successful applicants must enjoy working with children and be available to work weekdays. As a nonprofit arts organization, Youtheatre relies upon volunteers for ushers in the theatre and some clerical duties in their offices. If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Larry Loyer (313-962-4214) or check out the group's website ([www.youtheatre.org](http://www.youtheatre.org)).
- **Small-animal Show** – On Sunday, October 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Wayne County 4-H Critter Club will hold a local small-animal show using the facilities provided by Superpetz on Ford Road in Westland. People are encouraged to bring their favorite small animal(s) as long as they are no larger than a dog. Literature about proper care of animals will be available. The day's activities will include a variety of classes. Those who sign up to show (ribbons will be awarded for those who finish in first, second, and third place) will receive 10%-off coupons from Superpetz. To cover costs, a \$1.50 fee will be charged for each of the first four classes entered, with a \$1 fee for each additional class. Profits will be split between the 4-H program and Superpetz, which will, in turn, donate the money to the Dearborn Animal Shelter.
- **Craft Auction** – The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery will hold its annual Craft Auction on Thursday, November 5, at Huron High School (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston). Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the auction will be used for the nursery's operation.
- **TOPS Hosts Open House** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #MI1690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to an Open House to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, at Taylor Church of Nazarene (Eureka Road just west of Telegraph, Taylor). Those who attend will enjoy guest speakers, exercise and line-dancing videos, success stories, and more. Information on becoming a member (dues: \$20/year + \$1/week; first visit free) will be available. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Special Events at St. Paul's Church** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at 19109 Craig Street, New Boston) will host the following special events during the month of November: **Sauerkraut Supper** (Thursday, November 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold out; menu will feature homemade sauerkraut, potatoes, vegetable, dessert, and drink; tickets are \$8 for ages 12 and up/\$5 for ages five to 11/free for children under five), **Fish Dinner** (Friday, November 13, from 4 to 7 p.m.; menu will feature deep-fried and baked fish, French fries, scalloped potatoes, and more; tickets are \$7 for ages 12 and up/\$5 for ages five to 11/free for children under five), and **Thanksgiving Services** (Wednesday, November 25, at 7 p.m., and Thursday, November 26, at 10 a.m.). For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Sumpter Township Hosts Turkey Shoots** – Since hunting season is fast approaching, the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will host turkey shoots on Sunday, October 25, and Sunday, November 1, to give avid hunters a chance at some "preliminary fun." The shoots will be held at the police firing range on Willow Road just west of Sumpter Road (the old landfill site) beginning at noon each day. Prizes will include turkeys, hams, slabs of bacon, and cash. For more information, including firearms regulations, call 734-699-5275.
- **Seasonal Craft Classes** – The Romulus Public Library invites Romulus residents to preregister for one or both of the following one-day craft programs: "Thanksgiving" Theme (Saturday, November 14 – kindergarten through second grade from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; third through fifth grade from 11:15 a.m. to noon) and "Christmas" Theme/Tree Trim (Saturday, December 5 – open to all ages from 10 a.m. to noon). For more information, call 942-7589.
- **Children's Book Week** – The Romulus Public Library reminds parents to mark Children's Book Week (November 16–22) on their calendars. For more information, contact the Library (942-7589) during its regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- **Romulus Historical Society Meeting** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street, near the Post Office) on Wednesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 19th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March of 1999. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.

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### REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 28, 1998, was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed Member Webb absent (excused). All administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended as follows: Change Item VI. D. "Cory Parent Coordinators" to follow VI. B. "Bills for Payment".

9/98/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/98/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of September 14, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Cheryl Davis, Social worker, Community High School, Effective September 17, 1998; Tiffany Kerner, Teacher, St. Aloysius, Effective September 8, 1998; and Tanya Koeppen, Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective September 8, 1998.

9/98/15 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the personnel actions as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Cory Parent Coordinators

The parent coordinators from Cory Elementary School met with the Board and discussed the purchase of new playground equipment for their school and the need to have the Board of Education help with the purchase, installation, and excavating of same.

9/98/16 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn to approve matching funds in the amount of \$9,000 for the purchase, installation, and excavating of new playground equipment for Cory Elementary School. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Report on Official Count Day

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed our Fourth-Friday Count with members of the Board of Education and responded to their questions.

##### Winter Millage Levy

9/98/17 Moved by Woods supported by Dick that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 1998 winter tax collection.

ALL PROPERTY: 2.73 mills Debt; 3.0 mills State Tax.

HOMESTEAD: 7.41 mills Hold Harmless.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bond Resolution

9/98/18 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the Board of Education adopt the attached Resolution to enable the district to receive its Durant Funds in the amount of \$1,183,293. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Surplus Equipment

9/98/19 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board of Education declare the attached list of equipment surplus and authorize its sale at the upcoming City/School Auction. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Permission to Go to Bid – Transportation Vehicles

9/98/20 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board authorize the Transportation Department to bid for pupil transportation vehicles and a dump truck, a pickup truck, and a minivan. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns to members of the Board as they relate to the operation of the School District.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) Homecoming Plans; 2) Praise – Fraser and Hurst; 3) Success Academy; 4) Alumni Newsletter; and 5) Policy Committee Minutes.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked when the playground equipment request for Wick would be on the agenda. Dr. Bedell replied that it would be presented at the October 12th meeting.

Mr. Howard Kesner stated that he was pleased with our Fourth-Friday Count. He also said that he would like a teacher contract, but not at the expense of program.

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn commented on the Governor's Summit theme of "working together," and would like us to have the tape of the featured speaker.

##### Executive Session – Negotiations

9/98/21 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:33 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:16 P.M.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

9/98/22 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael D. Woods, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## Flyers Victorious at Homecoming

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Flyers took a 14-0 lead into the fourth quarter before Melvindale attempted to make a game of it. The Cardinals scored their first TD midway through the fourth quarter to pull within eight. The Flyers immediately responded with their own long run for score, bringing the score 20-6 with four minutes to go. The Cardinals were not ready to give up, however; they came right back and scored again to make the tally 20-12 with about two minutes remaining. Thankfully, when the Flyers received the ball, they managed to keep control, and ran out the clock to hang onto the win.

The JV game was a total massacre: 73-0. The Flyers forced the Cardinals into a safety on their first possession, then scored on the first play of their own first possession to take a 9-0 lead. The Cardinals, who could not get any offense going all day, followed their next possession with a poor punt that setup another Romulus touchdown, and it went downhill from there. The Flyers were able to score every way imaginable, including 32 points on defense thanks to four fumble recoveries, an interception, and a safety. The Flyers' coaching staff tried different ways of not scoring. On one occasion, they recovered a Melvindale fumble at the 50-yard line, then punted the ball back on first down. Unfortunately, the Cardinals threw an interception on the very next play, which Romulus returned for a TD. Although the Flyer starters played very little in the second half (Head Coach John Wester limited them to only five plays), it did not stop the scoring binge: the second-team offense scored three touchdowns between the two quarters.

"I asked my team to play a perfect game for their parents, and they did just that," said Head Coach John Wester. "They were trying so hard to play well for their folks that I could not stop the scoring. Everything just went our way."

The victory brought the Junior Varsity's record to 4-1 for the season.

In the Varsity game, it was another long day for Melvindale, as the Flyers made their presence felt early. With less than a minute gone in the first quarter, the Flyers had their first score, and they poured it on from there. The points came quickly and easily, and by the end of the first half, Romulus led 39-0. In this game, the opposing coach decided to take advantage of the league rules that allow for skipping the third quarter and having a running clock in the fourth. (Unfortunately for the JV Cardinals, their coach declined this option.) With the win, the Varsity team moved its record to 3-2 and got back in contention for a berth in the four-team, single-elimination playoff at the end of the season.

Preparing for their own post-season were the Flyer cheerleaders, who, during each halftime, gave the fans a sample of their dance routines.

"Each squad has improved significantly from the beginning of the season," said Cheerleading Director Ellen Bragg. "We are all looking forward to performing well during the Cheerleading Competition following the season."

At the end of the day, Romulus Flyers President John Wester praised his staff and the parents who attended.

"This was truly a great day for us," he said. "All our teams did well, and the parents appeared to enjoy seeing their children involved in the program." □

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 1998

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, October 7, 1998, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed Member Woods absent (excused). Member Woods entered the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Administrators Bedell and Dolan were absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

10/98/1 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### ATTORNEY DISCUSSION – BOND REFUNDING

Mr. Patrick J. Berarado from the firm of Thrun, Maatsch, Nordberg, P.C., was present, and explained the refunding of bonds and responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

#### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BOND REFUNDING:

10/98/2 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the refunding of Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$16,045,000 as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

10/98/3 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael D. Woods, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Search Is on for Outstanding Worker

To celebrate the ongoing contributions and accomplishments of older workers, Green Thumb is soliciting nominations from Michigan businesses in its search for 1999's Outstanding Older Worker. To be eligible, a person must be age 65+, a Michigan resident, and employed 20 or more hours per week in an

Nominations may be made by the worker's supervisors or coworkers. Simply provide a brief narrative (approximately 250 words) covering the older worker's overall contribution to the business, a description of new skills that the nominee has learned since beginning employment, any roadblocks that he/she has overcome in order to perform his/her job, and a description of other community involvement. Official nomination forms may be obtained by visiting the Michigan Green Thumb website ([www.mi-greenthumb.org](http://www.mi-greenthumb.org)), phoning the group (517-772-5308), or writing to its State office (P.O. Box 465, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0465). Entries may be faxed (517-773-1421) or mailed to the State office. Deadline for nominations is Friday, December 18, 1998, at 5 p.m.

Nominations will be evaluated by a Statewide blue-ribbon panel composed of business and civic leaders from across Michigan. The winner will be announced in January, 1999.

In addition to enjoying special activities and recognition within the State, the winner and his/her employer will attend the National 1999 Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., in March 1999. Their visit will include an evening tour of the City's landmarks, meetings with Congressional representatives, a tour of the White House, and a gala awards dinner at the historical National Building Museum.

Green Thum is the Country's oldest and largest nonprofit provider of employment and training for older Americans. Its mission is to strengthen families, communities, and our nation by providing older and disadvantaged individuals with opportunities to learn, work, and serve others.

### Luncheon Will Feature a Halloween Theme

Get set for a ghoulishly good time on Friday, October 30, when the Romulus Senior Center hosts a Senior Luncheon beginning at 1 p.m. The menu for the afternoon: noodle soup, turkey sandwiches, jello, and punch.

Since this month's theme is Halloween, participants are also invited to take part in a costume contest, with prizes awarded to the winners in each of three categories: "scariest," "most creative," and "funniest."

Cost is \$4. Sign up at the Center. **Center Offers Transportation Service**

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday

Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinocle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

### Exercise/Toning

The Romulus Senior Center is offering a free, twice-weekly toning/stretching/exercise class on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. (Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.)

### Volunteers Needed

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441. □

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## Obituary

### Evelyn Dorothy (LeVine) Doemer

Evelyn Dorothy (LeVine) Doemer of Willis, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 11, 1998, at the age of 80.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Evelyn was born on June 24, 1918.

She is survived by one son, Anthony Doemer, Jr. (Sumpter Township, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Sharon Knox (Willis, MI) and Mrs. Darlene Oswald (Romulus, MI); one sister,

Marie Hines; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony J. Doemer, Sr.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial (Livonia, MI). □

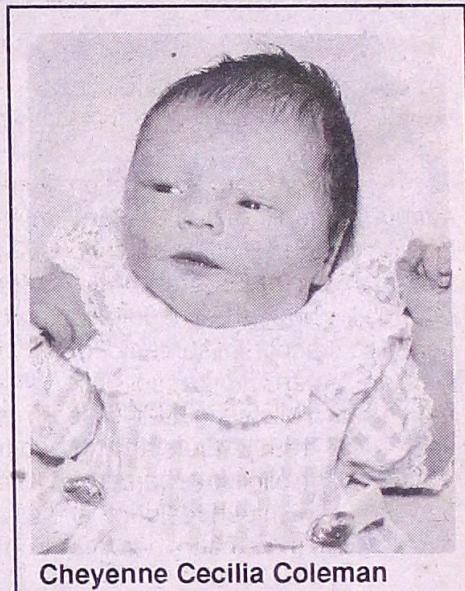
## The Stork Arrived

### Cheyenne Cecilia Coleman

Christopher and Shannon Coleman of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Cheyenne Cecilia Coleman.

Cheyenne was born in the Annapolis Birthing Center (Wayne, MI) at 8:42 a.m. on Sunday, August 9, 1998, weighing in at eight pounds, four ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Giving the new arrival a warm family welcome were her paternal grandparents, Jack and Patricia Coleman (Romulus, MI); paternal great-grandparents, Clarence and Helen Hester (Romulus, MI) and Ocie Coleman (Ransom, KY); her maternal grandparents, Charles and Brenda Sharrow (Romulus, MI); her maternal great-grandparents, Willie Davis and Virginia Senart (Romulus, MI) and Verlon and Mary Moody (Ruskin, FL; formerly of Romulus, MI); and her maternal great-great-grandmother, Alice Plank (Dundee, MI);



Cheyenne Cecilia Coleman

formerly of Romulus, MI).

Also pleased about Cheyenne's arrival was Diesel, the Coleman family's pet dog.

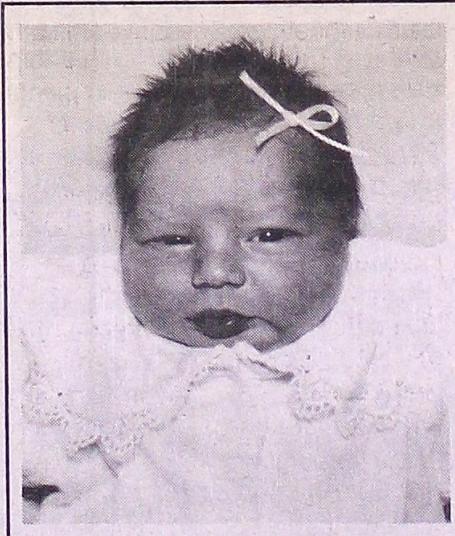
### Marissa Rose Green

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Marissa Rose Green, are Paul and Sandra Green of Romulus, Michigan.

Born at 4:04 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 1998, Marissa weighed six pounds, seven ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about the newest addition to the family were Marissa's big sister, Shelby, who is seven years old, and her big brother, Paul Jr., age five.

The late Clyde and Lula Green are Marissa's paternal grandparents; her maternal grandparents are Gail Rutherford (Inkster, MI) and Mary Nault (Wayne, MI).



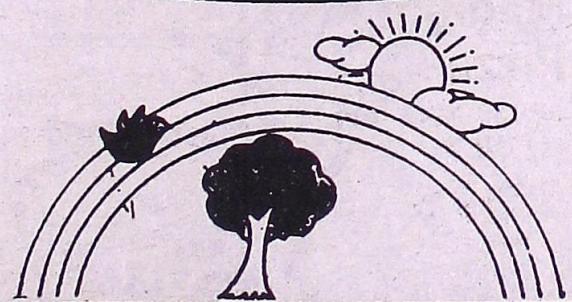
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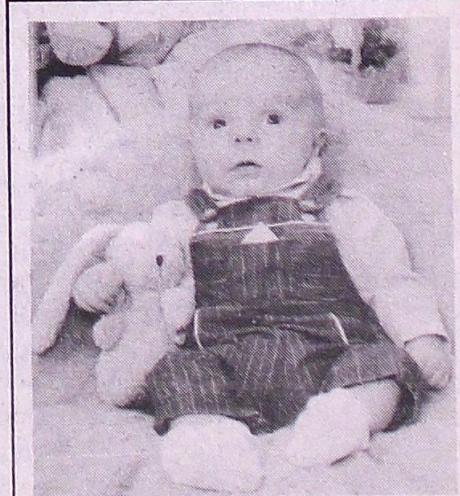
New Patients Welcome

### Ryan James Wedemeier

Bob and Crystal (Riopelle) Wedemeier of New Boston, Michigan (formerly of Flat Rock and Romulus, respectively), are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ryan James Wedemeier.

Ryan was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 6:34 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 1998, weighing in at eight pounds, nine ounces, and measuring 22 inches in length.

Ryan is the first grandchild of paternal grandparents Russ Wedemeier (Flat Rock, MI) and Pauline Smith (Garden City, MI), and the fourth grandson of maternal grandparents Al Riopelle, Sr. (Belleville, MI), and Loretta Christensen (Romulus, MI). □



Ryan James Wedemeier

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